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The Honorable Sue Malek
Montana State Senate
Chair, Interim Committee on State Administration and Veterans Affairs

Dear Senator Malek,

My apologies for this late comment, but as a rancher - and neighbor of Rep. McKamey on your committee - I've been working to get hay stacked before the blessings of rain our state is finally receiving.

I'm very discouraged that Secretary Stapleton will not appear in person to explain his allegations about voter fraud with substantial evidence. He is only creating doubt amongst the public to discourage voter participation. He has also unfairly maligned the integrity of virtually all county election officials by his actions, which are also contrary to what the Bible says about making false accusations.

On a side note, I commend your committee's oversight work to help reduce suicides, particularly in the ranks of our Montana military and veterans, and I served with General Quinn in Montana's 163rd Infantry. I'm also a founding member of the Montana Veterans Memorial and active planner for the upcoming 11th STAND DOWN in Great Falls 28-29 Sep where we actively address mental health and preventative measures.

Having served over forty years in the Army and Guard, I would advise Secretary Stapleton - a fellow commissioned officer - to be more focused on Russian hackers AND other 'bad actor' states who are far more active and eager to disrupt and DAMAGE our electoral process. THAT should be Secretary Stapleton's focus to DEFEND our electoral process, not creat doubt and divison.

Sincerely,

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